water along the Left Bank Channel is assured.

243. Opening of a Veterinary Hospital in the Padmanabhapuram Division.

Mr. M. Sivathanu Pillai (*Tovala*) brought forward this subject.

Reply.—This has been already answered. *Vide* subject No. 161.

244. Removal of silt from, and strengthening the bank of, the Pazhayar from the 9th to the 11th mile.

Mr. M. Sivathanu Pillai said that this was a matter of urgent necessity.

Reply.—This is receiving consideration. Special works are executed wherever necessary.

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245. Introduction of tanning and dyeing classes in the Nagercoil Technical Institute.

Mr. V. Sankaranarayana Iyer B. A., B. L., (*Agastisvaram*) said that the inclusion of tanning and dyeing in the curricula of studies in the institute would be of great practical utility.

Reply.—The officers concerned will be consulted in the matter.

246. Making Tamil the chief and Malayalam the accessory language in all Nanjanad Vernacular schools.

Mr. N. Velayudhaperumal Pillai (*Agastisvaram*) *and Mr. P. Mathevan Pillai* (*Nanjanattar Sabha, Kottar*) urged that Tamil should be made the first and Malayalam the second language in all Vernacular schools, or that at least Tamil schools might be opened with Tamil as principal and Malayalam as accessory language.

Reply.—As already stated, Malayalam is the language of the State. The request to make Tamil the chief language cannot therefore be granted.

247. Shifting the Odai fence of the Forest Department to the eastern frontier.

Mr. P. Nellayandar Pillai (*Agastisvaram*) represented that the shifting of the Odai fence now skirting the Travancore side of the old fort lines from near Kadukkara to Vattakottai to the actual frontier lying further east would facilitate the access of the villagers now

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living on this side of the fence to the lands on the other side, there being at present only two openings to the south of Aramboly *viz.*, Ramasamudram and Punnakulam.

Reply.—Government have recently passed orders about the maintenance of this fence by the Excise Department instead of the Forest Department. There are four openings at present, one of them having been recently provided at the request of the inhabitants. Government think that these will suffice. It is neither possible nor desirable to shift the fence to the actual boundary line, especially as the cost would be prohibitive.

248. Restoration of Manamari tanks.

Mr. P. Nellayandar Pillai prayed for the restoration of Manamari tanks in Nanjanad.

Reply.—This has been already answered. *Vide* subject No. 130.

249. Water-supply to the Nagercoil town.

Mr. M. D. Daniel B. A., (T. I. C., Nagercoil) in whose name this subject stood was absent.

Reply.—This subject was brought up last year and was noted by Government. The project has been abandoned as it was not found feasible to bring down water from the Olakkayaruvi. When any other practicable scheme is suggested, it will be considered.

250. Provision of pasture grounds for cattle in the Nagercoil town.

This subject also stood in the name of *Mr. M. D. Daniel, B. A.*

Reply.—This has been answered as a general question. *Vide* subject No. 57.

251. Preparation of a skeleton map of the Nagercoil town.

This was another of the subjects of *Mr. M. D. Daniel, B. A.*

Reply.—Nothing can be said on this subject, as it is too vague and the member is absent.

252. Proper drainage for the Nagercoil town.

Mr. M. D. Daniel, B. A., was to have spoken on this subject also.

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